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THOS. BOLSTER,
Dep. Insp. Genl.

R. N. Hospital,
Hongkong, 14th March, 1899. [744

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Bank Buildings.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1899. [740

TENDER.

TENDERS are invited for the purchase of the SITES OF CHRIST CHURCH, Yokohama, and of the PARSONAGE, Lots 105 and 101 Settlement, measuring according to title deeds 642 Tsubos.

Tenders should be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1899.

Written tenders to be sent to
THE CHAIRMAN,
CHRIST CHURCH COMMITTEE,
No. 90, Yokohama.

By Order of the Trustees,
Yokohama, March 1st, 1899. [741

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship
"HAILOONG,"
Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above ports on THURSDAY, the 16th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1899. [742

FOR SANDAKAN.

THE Steamship
SULTAN,"
Captain Lake, will be despatched for the above port on FRIDAY, the 17th inst., at NOON.

Cargo for Kudat can be transhipped at Sandakan.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
J. WHEELEY,
Agent.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1899. [663

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE N. D. L. Steamship
"NURNBERG,"
Captain von Binzer, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M. TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1899. [743

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

NOTICE.

THE Offices of the Bank have This Day been REMOVED to the Ground Floor of No. 7, PRAYA CENTRAL (lately occupied by The Pacific Mail S.S. Co.)

E. W. RUTTER,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1899. [727

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held at the CLUB HOUSE on MONDAY, the 20th inst., at 5.30 P.M., for the purpose set forth in the notice posted thereat.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1899. [728

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RÄDECKER & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th September, 1898. a1988

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

MEMBERS wishing to enter for the above will find LISTS on which to enter their Names in the HONGKONG CLUB and in the CRICKET PAVILION

Entries will CLOSE on the 16th instant.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1899. [699

SPECIAL SERVICES will (GOD WILLING) be conducted by Rev. CHARLES INWOOD (of England), as under:—

UNION CHURCH HALL, TUESDAY, March 14, 4.30 P.M., Bible Reading (English).

LONDON MISSION CHURCH, TUESDAY, March 14, 7.30 P.M., Chinese by interpretation.

"FAIRLEA" SCHOOL ROOM, WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2 P.M., for Women and Girls only. Chinese by interpretation.

UNION CHURCH, WEDNESDAY, March 15, 7 P.M., English.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1899. [686

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Stalls	0.50
Pit (natives only)	0.30

Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price to Dress Circle and Chairs only.
Special Parts Reserved for Chinese women.
Children, Half Price every SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

W. PFLUEGER,
Press Representative.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1899. [733

BIJOU THEATRE.

RECLAMATION GROUND, WEST POINT.

For the benefit of the Hundreds that could not gain admission on Saturday Night.

D'ARC'S MARIONETTES
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"THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR."
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Booking Office ROBINSON PIANO CO.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1899. [731

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Under the Patronage of the
ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY
(Particulars later).

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Admission to Dress Circle and Stalls ...	$2
Pit ...	1

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [665

PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Hotel THIS DAY (TUESDAY), the 14th March, 1899, at NOON, for the purpose of Receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1898, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matters that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 14th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1899. [523

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 9, PRAYA CENTRAL, TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), 15th March, 1899, at 11 o'clock in the FORENOON, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES B. DUNCAN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1899. [631

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 9, PRAYA CENTRAL, Victoria, TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), 15th March, at Twelve o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1898, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st to 15th March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1899. [593

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 9, PRAYA CENTRAL, Victoria, on THURSDAY, 16th March, 1899, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1898, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 16th March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1899. [610

INTIMATIONS

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Hongkong, 9th August, 1898. [1—1394

LOST.

ONE RECEIPT BOOK. Customers having accounts with the Undersigned are requested not to pay the same to unauthorized persons. One Shroff will not go out collecting accounts until the 13th instant. Our Receipt Books will in future be printed in blue ink instead of green ink as hitherto.

A CHEE & CO.,
17, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1899. [676

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PUBLIC COMPANIES

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NOTICE.

THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, 38 and 40, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on SATURDAY, the 18th March, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 18th March, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1899. [701

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE TENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 9, PRAYA CENTRAL, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd March, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1898, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 22nd inst., both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [713

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents at NOON on THURSDAY, 23rd March, for the purpose of receiving their Report with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to 23rd March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1899. [625

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, PEDDER STREET, at 12.30 P.M. on THURSDAY, 23rd March, for the purpose of receiving their Report and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 23rd March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1899. [626

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE CERTIFICATE No. 545, dated 4th January, 1884, of the Five Shares Nos. 621 to 625 in this Company, standing in the name of Miss MARIA ELIZA D'ENCARNACAO, of Macao, has been LOST, and if at the expiration of one month from the date hereof the above document be not forthcoming another Certificate will be issued by the Company, and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.

Dated 23rd February, 1899.
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
560] *Acting Secretary*

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of Business contributed during the Half Year ended 31st December, 1898, on or before the 15th March, on which date the Accounts will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1899. [632

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company held at the Company's Office, No. 9, PRAYA CENTRAL, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 7th day of March, 1899, the following resolution was passed:

That a Call of one Dollar per Share upon all the holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company in respect of all the Shares held by them in the above Company be and the same is hereby made. Such Calls to be paid to the Company at their Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 17th day of April, 1899.

And Notice is also given that in accordance with Article 24 of the Company's Articles of Association interest will be charged as from the said 17th April, 1899, at the rate of $10 per centum per annum upon all Calls remaining unpaid after the said 17th day of April, 1899, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

Shareholders are particularly requested to note that upon presentation at the Office of the Company of the Bankers' receipt for payment of the call together with the certificate of the shares in respect of which the call has been paid an endorsement to that effect will be made upon the certificate.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES B. DUNCAN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [714

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VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, 19th December, 1898 QUEEN'S ROAD. [a32

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ST. GEORGES	$ 3.25	—
CRU. WYNBRON	3.75	—
ST. ESTÈPHE	4.50	$ 5.50
ST. EMILION	4.50	5.50
ST. JULIEN MÉDOC	5.50	6.50
CHATEAU MARGAUX	6.00	7.00
HAUT. SAUTERNEZ, Dry White Wine	5.00	—
BURGUNDIES.		
BEAUNE	$ 8.00	9.00
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a38] C. GIRAULT, 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

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TRADE MARK. GUARANTEED PURE.

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ZINFANDEL do.	5.00	5.50
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CHAS. DALTON,
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Hongkong, 15th October, 1898. [44

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Canton, 1st November, 1898. [2345

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R. F. INMAN,
Secretary & Manager.
Nagasaki, 16th February, 1899. [95

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10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. ...Every half hour.
12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. ...Every quarter of an hour.
2.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. ...Every quarter of an hour.
An additional car will run at 2.40 P.M. until further notice.
Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

SATURDAYS.

Extra Night cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.

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8.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. Every half hour.
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SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the Company's Office, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st November 1898. [2115

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Mar. 12, KYOTO MARU, Japanese str., 1,666, T. Sakurai, Saigon 7th March, General.—ORDER.

Mar. 13, HAILAN, French str., 377, W. Bast, Hoilow and Pakhoi 11th March, General.—A. R. MARTY.

Mar. 13, LOONGMOON, German str., 1,245, F. Schuls, Canton 12th March, General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

Mar. 13, WAKASA MARU, Japanese str., 3,885, F. B. Macmillan, Kobe 8th March, General. NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Mar. 13, KIANGPAK, Chinese str., 779, Bernzen, Canton 12th March, Rice.—ORDER.

Mar. 13, NINGCOTS, Russian str., 843, Reuns, Antwerp 18th Jan., General.—ORDER.

Mar. 13, ARIZONA, U.S. transport, 5,200, Chas. Ames, Manila 10th March.

CLEARANCES.
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
13TH MARCH.

Ebani, British str., for Swatow.
Ningcots, Russian str., for Port Arthur.
Ariake Maru, Jap. str., for Kutchinotsu.
Kuesberg, German str., for Haiphong.
Katsuyama Maru, Japanese str., for Saigon.
Pronto, German str., for Swatow.
Meefoo, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 12, PEIYANG, German str., for Canton.
Mar. 12, LOYAL, German str., for Hongay.
Mar. 12, THALES, British str., for Swatow.
Mar. 13, EBANI, British str., for Swatow.
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Mar. 13, MEEFOO, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
Mar. 13, TRIESTE, Austrian str., for Bombay.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
None.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

ABERDEEN DOCKS.—Sullberg, Taifu.
KOWLOON DOCKS.—H.I.G.M.S. Kniser, Athenian, Isla de Cuba, Isla de Luzon, Hué, Tailee, H.I.G.M.S. Prinzess Wilhelm, H.M.S. Alacrity, Chusan, Dos Hermanos, Produce, Sultan.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Don Juan de Austria, Phra Chom Klao.

TO-DAY.

Meeting Hongkong Hotel Co., Limited, noon.
Auction Sundry Household Furniture, &c., at Sale Rooms, V. I. Remedios, 2.30 p.m.
Warren's Circus, West Point, 9 p.m.
D'Arc's Marionettes, Praya West, 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Meeting Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited, noon.
Meeting Punjom Mining Co., Limited, 11 a.m.
Auction Crown Land, Rural Building Lot No. 95, 3 p.m.

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THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY FOR CHINA, JAPAN, COREA, INDO-CHINA, SIAM, STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, MALAY STATES, NORTH BORNEO, MANILA, PHILIPPINES, LABUAN, BORNEO, &c.,

HONGKONG, March 14th, 1899.

There were 2,388 visitors to the City Hall Museum last week, of whom 136 were Europeans.

A Shimonoseki, press despatch of the 5th March states that the coal coolies at Moji have gone on strike in opposition to a reduction of wages.

A Calcutta telegram of the 20th February states that the Sugar Bounties question is still under the consideration of the Government of India.

A Peking telegram of the 5th March published in the Japanese papers states that the German authorities have arranged to organise a Chinese force for the defence of Kiaochau.

The *Rangoon Gazette* says that the spread of English education has enabled large numbers of native traders in the Rangoon bazaars to dispense with English merchants as intermediaries for the purpose of ordering out goods from Europe.

The Italian training ship *Amerigo Vespucci* arrived at Singapore on the 3rd March from Calcutta, via Rangoon, on a cruise to the Far East. She will probably, the *Free Press* says, return via Borneo, Java, the Seychelles, and Zanzibar. The *Amerigo Vespucci* is a third class armoured cruiser of the Italian Navy, built of steel, with a gross tonnage of 2,859 tons and 5,000 horse-power, and carrying a crew of 250 men. She carries sixteen guns and four quick-firing machine guns.

In the report of the Tanjong Pagar Dock Co. (Singapore) for the last half-year it is stated that proposals have been made to the Lords of the Admiralty for the construction of a large Naval Dock on the Company's property. One of the suggested sites has received favourable consideration, but the Admiralty have not yet announced their decision. The Directors have concluded the purchase of a portion of land adjacent to the Company's property and near to the proposed site of the Admiralty Dock.

We are in receipt of a copy of the *Kobe Directory*, printed and published by the *Kobe Herald* office. It contains directories for Kobe (Hiogo), Osaka, Kioto, &c., with a full and complete list of the missionaries stationed in Japan, the revised treaties with the various European Powers, the new tariffs, and a lot of useful local information relating to this fast rising commercial port. The book is an improvement on last year's issue, although we think there is room for simplification and condensation.

H.M.S. *Brisk*, the *Archer's* relief, arrived on Sunday from Singapore.

In to-day's supplement will be found correspondence concerning the reconstruction of the Sanitary Board, full details of the recent events in the Persian Gulf, Italy's demands on China, and several public Company reports.

We have received the report of the Green Island Cement Co. for presentation at the annual meeting to be held on the 22nd March, but owing to pressure on our space are compelled to hold it over until to-morrow. The net profit, including $240.91 brought forward from last year, was $50,317.44, which it is proposed to carry forward, as the building of the new factory at Hok Un is absorbing the Company's present funds and it is hoped in this way to avoid having to raise further capital.

A Calcutta telegram of the 22nd February reads as follows:—Reliable news has reached Calcutta to the effect that the Chinese Government have at last definitely undertaken to put down the adulteration of Indian opium in the treaty ports, which was giving the Indian drug a bad name in China. It seems this adulteration was chiefly done in bond by retail dealers at Chinkiang and Wuhu, so it is within the power of the Chinese authorities to put it down and it is hoped this will be the case. The matter has formed the subject of representations from the Bombay Trade Association and other bodies and is of considerable importance to the opium trade.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., delivered a lecture at the City Hall, under the auspices of the Odd Volumes Society, on "The strength and weakness of England." The Hon. T. H. Whitehead occupied the chair, and amongst the large audience present were H.E. the Governor and H.E. Major-General Gascoigne. Mr. Francis's lecture was in large part a reply to the lecture delivered by Colonel Elsdale last week. Mr. Francis did not agree with Colonel Elsdale that the British nation was more vulgar than other nations, nor that it was deficient in imagination. The cause of the weakness in dealing with the various questions of foreign policy to which Colonel Elsdale had alluded was, he said, want of knowledge, and not want of imagination, and he recommended to his hearers, as he did in a lecture last year, a close study of Seeley's "Expansion of England." The reason the British were disliked by other nations was, he suggested, the national self-complacency and arrogance resulting from the accomplishment of great deeds. He also referred to the system of party government as a cause of weakness in foreign policy. One of the principal strong points to which he alluded was the equal administration of justice, not only as between man and man, but as between the executive and the individual—Colonel Elsdale, Lieut. Hobson, U.S.N., and Mr. Granville Sharp each spoke on the topics raised by Mr. Francis., Lieut. Hobson's remarks were to the effect that the strength of the Anglo-Saxon race lay in the fact that the Anglo-Saxon was a hard working man. In all the industries, arts, and sciences, there was a vast mass of accumulated knowledge that had to be mastered before progress could be made, and it was in the tenacity of the Anglo-Saxon in sticking to his work that the secret of his success lay. He illustrated this by a reference to the contrast between the activity which prevailed on the American ships when the outbreak of the recent war was anticipated and the supineness that prevailed on the Spanish fleet. In the former the men worked all day without a murmur, getting up coal and putting it back again, protecting weak points around the guns by coal bags and sand bags, and practising every possible movement, and then worked far into the night practising with the electric light, whereas on the Spanish ships the ordinary drill was gone through in the same perfunctory manner as in ordinary times.—Votes of thanks to the lecturer and to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

THE WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

ADVANCE BY WHEATON'S BRIGADE.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE "DAILY PRESS."]

Manila, 13th March.

General Wheaton's Brigade advanced from San Pedro to the bluffs commanding Pasig, Pateros, and Taguig.

The natives retreated with small loss.

The American casualties were fifteen wounded and two killed.

A gunboat shelled Pasig, the projectiles reaching the lake.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber at the Government Offices, there being present:—

His EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR, Sir HENRY BLAKE, G.C.M.G.

His EXCELLENCY Major-General GASCOIGNE C.M.G. (Officer Commanding the Troops).

[illegible] Councils).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed as a correct record.

PAPER.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table the report of the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade for 1898.

THE GOVERNOR'S PEAK RESIDENCE.—AN EXPLANATION BY THE HON. E. R. BELILIOS.

A COMPLAINT FROM HON. T. H. WHITEHEAD.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY submitted the report of the Finance Committee (No. 2) and moved its adoption.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded.

The Hon. E. R. BELILIOS—At the last meeting of the Finance Committee, when the grant of $3,500 for the erection of a temporary bungalow at "The Cliffs," for the accommodation of your Excellency's staff, was proposed, I voted against it. I desire now to explain a course that at first sight might indicate a want of consideration for your comfort. As a matter of fact, the contrary is the case, as I hope to be able to show you. So far back as the 19th June, 1893, I advocated the erection of a palace at the Peak for the use of the Governor,—(hear, hear)—and on the 17th July following I moved a resolution to that effect in this Council. That resolution was carried, only the two hon. members representing the Bench of Justices and the Chamber of Commerce respectively voting against it. In my speech proposing that resolution I urged the advisability of availing of the low rates then ruling for labour and materials. The then Director of Public Works estimated the cost of a building suitable to the requirements at $60,000. This advice was disregarded, and the Government neglected to act on the resolution, and the tenancy of "Craigieburn" was continued. When that lease expired, the house now occupied, namely "The Cliffs," was taken, the task of building being again deferred. "The Cliffs" is smaller than "Craigieburn," or than the large house opposite to Mount Austin Barracks, either of which might have been rented. The chief reason Sir William Robinson was reluctant to build was, as I understood, because the new residence would not have been completed before the expiration of his term of office. But your Excellency has but just commenced your administration, and if a residence were now commenced you would in eighteen months be lodged in a mansion worthy of the colony and of the Queen's representative. I come now to the question of economy, on which plea I suppose the present action will be defended. Well, Sir, I say such economy is false economy. True economy would be found in building a new house. If you add two years rent of "The Cliffs" to the proposed expenditure of $3,500 you will find the total is more than the interest on $75,000 at 5½ per cent. per annum for the same period—$8,700 versus $5,250—besides the advantage derived by your being provided with a comfortable house. Besides, what guarantee is there that such a frail wooden structure as is proposed to be added to "The Cliffs" may not, especially in so exposed a position, be damaged or blown down in the first typhoon that occurs after its completion? It is also my experience that such estimates are almost invariably exceeded. Less has already been incurred by delaying to build and this will be augmented by further procrastination. Mr. Cooper's estimate of $60,000 for a Government residence would no longer suffice. Our present Director of Public Works estimates that a suitable residence could not now be built under $75,000. This alone represents a loss to the colony of $15,000. If to this you now add $3,500 for a temporary bungalow you have a total of $18,500 actually thrown away. I think that the local architects will bear me out in saying that there is no chance of building rates going down; the tendency is quite the other way, and further delay may result in further loss to the colonial exchequer. I hope your Excellency will take the bold and the prudent course and build. I shall be proud if anything I have said or done will conduce to such a resolution, and shall be very pleased to see the Governor of this colony provided with a residence worthy of his position and dignity. (Hear, hear.)

The Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD—When this vote was brought before the Finance Committee certain information was asked for which was finally supplied. I then considered that the vote was a necessary and reasonable one and I voted for it. The honourable member opposite asked what rent was paid for "The Cliffs" by the previous tenant. The Bank which I have the honour to represent was the previous tenant, and we paid $2,000 a year rent. The honourable member who was in the chair at that meeting could not say from memory what the rental was now, but he thought it was $2,700; but when the estimates were sent for and some of our valuable time wasted until they arrived it was found that the rental was $2,600. I have not the least doubt that there are good and valid reasons for this very large increase in rent, but so far the Council has not been informed of the reasons for that substantial increase. I submit that when financial votes are again brought forward the Chairman of the Finance Committee should come fully prepared with full information with regard to these votes, and that every information should be furnished without its being dragged out of the Government. On the last occasion I submit that the time of the Finance Committee was unnecessarily occupied while the estimates were being sent for and certain information was being hunted up. I think it would be more conducive to the maintenance of the dignity of this Council if the Finance Committee were treated with less flippancy than they were treated with on the last occasion. (Hear, hear.)

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—I very much regret to hear the honourable member on my right speak as he has done. It is true that some two minutes' time was wasted, as he puts it, in procuring the estimates from the inner office. When these estimates had been procured the Finance Committee was at once put in possession of the information desired. All the information on which both the speeches of the honourable members have been delivered was in possession of the Finance Committee at this meeting. With regard to the increase in rent to which the honourable member on my right has referred, the increase amounts to $600 a year as compared with the rent paid by the former tenant. That increase is due to certain improvements having been made to the property the expense of which amounted to a sum the interest on which is this $500 or $600 a year.

The Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD—At what per cent. per annum?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—I think it was 5 per cent. The honourable member opposite can furnish you with that information no doubt. With regard to putting the house opposite Mount Austin Hotel or "Craigieburn," the reason why the Government did not rent it was that the rent asked by the owners was considered far too excessive.

HIS EXCELLENCY—With regard to this matter of the Governor's summer residence, I may tell the Council that the first thing I know about the fact that "Craigieburn" was not available was when I got to London. I do not think they know at the Colonial Office even that "Craigieburn" would not be available until immediately before my arrival in England. I think it goes without saying that "The Cliffs" is probably not a suitable place for the Governor for a permanent summer residence, but I determined I should wait for one summer at least before I determined the position of the Governor's House, because I think it is my duty not alone to consult my own convenience in this matter but to look forward a little and consider the possible expansion of the colony and possible best position for the future Governors. As regards this addition to "The Cliffs" that is to be put up, that is a temporary matter. I believe I am right in saying that at the expiration of the lease of three years the structure can be removed. In the meantime the possibility of a typhoon has been discountenanced by me, because the temporary structure will be occupied by my Private Secretary and my A.D.C. (Laughter.)

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE LAW COMMITTEE.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL laid on the table the report of the Standing Law Committee [illegible] the law [illegible] of the Supreme Court.

QUESTION.

The Hon. C. P. CHATER—As the next [illegible] to ask a question [illegible] required for [illegible] (Hear, hear.)

[illegible] given notice [illegible] meeting between [illegible] commemoration [illegible] Jubilee [illegible] the funds for which are now lying in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank untouched [illegible] nearly two years have elapsed since their [illegible] whether the survey and planning of the road have been completed?

(2.)—Will the Government be good enough to state when it is proposed to commence work on the first section of the Jubilee Road?

(3.)—Will the first section be made round Mount Davis?

(4.)—Can the Government give the approximate date of the completion of the section to its juncture with the Aberdeen Road?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY gave the following answers to the different questions:—

(1.)—Yes.

(2.)—The work will be commenced as soon as the money subscribed is available.

(3.)—The first section will not be round Mount Davis, as there are military objections.

(4.)—No answer is required in view of the answer given to question 3.

INSANITARY LANES.

The Hon. C. P. CHATER had given notice of the following question:—

With reference to the Notes and Comments contained in the *Hongkong Telegraph* of Monday, the 27th February last, relating to the alleged insanitary condition of certain lanes and alleys lying between Queen's Road and the Praya, to the westward of Pedder Street, will the Government state whether the condition of the lanes and alleys in question is such as it is said to be?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY replied as follows:—

(1).—Many of the Lanes in question, being private lanes, are used by wholesale dealers in fruit and vegetables for the conduct of their trade and may consequently be found during the day time to contain fresh vegetable refuse, but this is removed daily, night and morning, by the Government scavengers, and is not allowed to lie in the streets and lanes and decompose as alleged.

(2).—It is customary to place soil pipes on the outside of kitchen walls, rather than on the inside, as such pipes do occasionally become choked, through carelessness of tenants, but immediate action is taken to compel the abatement of the nuisance and the tenants are rendered every assistance in the removal of such obstructions.

THE CONTROL OF THE SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

The Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD had given notice of the following questions:—

(1) Will the Government inform the Council on what grounds it has refused to put an end to the farming out of the slaughter-houses to a Chinese contractor as recommended by the Sanitary Board in their resolution of 2nd February last, which reads:—

"That the Board recommend the Government to transfer the management and control of the slaughter-houses to the Sanitary Board upon the expiration of the present lease to the farmer."

(2.) Referring to the statement in the fifth paragraph of the Secretary of State's despatch No. 254 of 6th November, 1896, will the Government inform the Council whether the Secretary of State for the Colonies has given any decision as to the reconstruction of the Sanitary Board in connection with Sir William Robinson's recommendations on the subject contained in his despatch No. 150 of 30th June, 1896.

(3.) Will the Government inform the Council whether, in the opinion of its legal adviser, the action of the Sanitary Board as at present constituted is, in face of the provisions of section 4 of the Public Health Ordinance No. 24 of 1887, legal and justifiable?

(4.) Will His Excellency the Governor inform the Council whether he has received any instructions to deal with the reconstitution of the Sanitary Board?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY replied as follows:—

(1)—The Government does not consider it advisable at present to make any alteration in the management of the slaughter-houses.

(2)—No decision has been given.

(3)—Opinions of the Attorney-General are confidential communications to Government and cannot be made public.

(4)—No instructions have been received.

LAY MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH BODY AND THEIR TENURE OF OFFICE.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I beg to move the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the Performance of Divine Worship and other Services in accordance with the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, at Saint John's Cathedral Church at Victoria and elsewhere in this Colony; for the Incorporation of a Church Body in which the said Cathedral Church shall be vested and by which it shall be administered; and for other purposes connected with the said Cathedral Church. If honourable members will kindly turn to the statement of objects and reasons set out at the end of the Bill they will see that this measure is for the most part purely a re-enactment of the previous law which was in force. The only point of any importance in which this Bill contains an amendment upon the previous law is that it makes the tenure of office of lay members of the Church Body annual instead of permanent.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded and the motion was carried.

The Council having considered the Bill in Committee it was read a third time and passed.

THE LAW RELATING TO SOLICITORS. THE HON. E. R. BELILIOS AND THE RESIDENCE CLAUSE.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—I beg to propose that the Council go into Committee to consider clause 21 of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the law relating to solicitors of the Supreme Court. I would ask honourable members to kindly refer to the report of the Standing Law Committee on this Bill which I have laid on the table at this meeting of the Council, and I would now draw the attention of honourable members—

The Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD—I submit that this is not the regular course of procedure. The members are not being properly treated. I think these reports should be sent round one or two days or three days at least before the matter is brought up with a view to the business being conducted on regular lines.

The CLERK OF COUNCILS—It was sent round with the orders of the day.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—I understand that the Clerk of Councils has forwarded to each member a copy of the report with the orders of the day. I do not know whether the honourable member has received it.

The Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD—No; it has not reached me.

The Hon. C. P. CHATER—I have received mine.

The Hon. E. R. BELILIOS—I did not receive the amended form. The original form was sent to me. I only found it on the table.

HIS EXCELLENCY—I think this matter had better stand over until the amended form can be sent round to the members. It is very important that the amended form should be properly considered.

After consulting with the Acting Attorney General HIS EXCELLENCY said—The Acting Attorney-General says he will probably not be here at the next meeting of the Council, and it is important we should have his assistance. I quite agree with honourable members that these matters should be forwarded in time to give time for consideration. Has the Honourable member a copy now?

The Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD—No, sir. There is not one on the table—neither of the amended nor of the original.

The Hon. E. R. BELILIOS—I think the omission of this important clause should have been published in the *Gazette* for solicitors to see.

HIS EXCELLENCY—I do not think that this is the regular course.

Hon. C. P. CHATER—The Honourable Mr. Bell-Irving has not received his copy either.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—The amendment I referred to is No. 13 in the report. I will just read the paragraph in the report. It says, "That the whole of clause 21 be struck out and that clause 22 be numbered clause 21, the Hon. E. R. Belilios being opposed to the motion and all the other members in favour." In order that honourable members might see what clause 21 was I caused a slip to be printed for honourable members containing clause 21. Honourable members will remember I referred to this particular clause at the previous meeting of the Council. That clause runs as follows:—"No person who shall have been admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature in England or as an attorney or writer in the Court at Dublin or Edinburgh shall be admitted to practise within the colony as a solicitor otherwise than as a clerk to a solicitor or firm of solicitors practising in the colony until he shall have actually resided in the colony for a period of six months next preceding such admission and unless he shall have previously given six months' notice in writing to the Registrar of the Court of his desire and intention to apply to be so admitted; but any person who may have been admitted to practise as a solicitor within the colony as a clerk to another solicitor or firm of solicitors shall, after having so practised for a period of six months, be deemed to have been admitted to practise within the colony as a solicitor and shall be entitled so to practise upon his own account unless precluded from so doing by any lawful agreement or undertaking." With regard to the publication of the matter in the *Government Gazette*, I would point out that no determination has been come to as yet by the Council as to the deletion of this clause. It will be for honourable members of this Council to decide by a majority when this matter is in committee whether this clause shall or shall not be retained. With these observations I beg to move that the Council go into committee to consider clause 21 of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the law relating to solicitors of the Supreme Court.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was carried.

The ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL—I beg to move, in accordance with the conclusion arrived at by the majority of the honourable members of the Law Committee that the whole of clause 21 be struck out and that clause 22 be renumbered as clause 21. I think, sir, it will be seen that the object of this clause 21 is undoubtedly to confer to a certain extent a sort of monopoly, if I may so express it, on the solicitors at present practising in the colony in the solicitors' legal work of the colony; because it would be very difficult for an outside person, if this clause were to remain standing, to go into practice on his own account. Of course if any solicitor came to this colony and acted as clerk to a firm of solicitors he would no doubt be asked to enter into an agreement binding him down to prevent him from practising in the colony. I think it is better that there should be freedom in these matters, and that people should be free to come and go and be free to set up as solicitors without any restriction; that the public should have the benefit of the best legal advice available, and that no one who comes into the colony should be in any way restricted from setting up in the profession of solicitor. I, therefore, beg to move that the whole of clause 21 be struck out and clause 22 be re-numbered.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The Hon. E. R. BELILIOS—As I object to the deletion of clause 21 I beg to offer a few remarks in support of my contention. I understand that this clause forms part of the Ordinance now in force in the Straits Settlements. The conditions which obtain here are similar to those which obtain in the Straits Settlements, and I do not see the reason why such an important clause should be deleted from our Bill. I take it that the advantages to be derived from the retention of this clause would be threefold. First, it would restrict the influx of lawyers of unknown character and dispositions into the colony, thus restricting and discouraging litigation. (Laughter.) Secondly, it would protect the interest, of our fellow-citizens the old-established solicitors and attorneys in this island; and thirdly, it would safeguard the colony from being victimized by unscrupulous men. For instance, a practitioner works hard and builds up a business for himself, but there appears suddenly in the field a rank stranger, a man probably of loose character, who has no knowledge of the local laws and customs, and who sets to work either by fair or foul means, and sets into the business of the old-established lawyer. Surely, sir, notice of some kind, however short, might be given to enable this old resident to cope with the new-comer as best he may in the preservation of his vested interests and rights. Six months' notice of residence or probation cannot be a hardship to the new-comer. He has everything to win and nothing to lose, and his character should be known before the residents can be allowed to entrust their interests in his hands. Honourable members will remember the man named Webber who landed here a few years ago and soon after he was admitted into the courts commenced to practise in this colony. Before his character became known he victimised a number of clients, and before any redress could be obtained he cleared out of the colony. Mr. Norton Kyshe in his "History of the Laws and Courts of Hongkong," tells us that the lawyers in Hongkong enjoy a high reputation. If that is so I contend it is the duty of the legislature to see that no black sheep enters their ranks, and that that reputation continues unsullied. In my address I have mentioned only the Straits Settlements, but I find that except the Cape and Jamaica all the British colonies have made laws and regulations fixing periods of residence before a solicitor can be admitted in the courts and qualified to practise. In South Australia one year's residence and notice of desire to be admitted is necessary. In all other Australian courts no solicitor can be admitted to practice without serving his time in the colony and passing examinations there. In Canada in the district of Ontario it is and has for many years past been necessary for an English solicitor desirous of practicing there to be first resident in the colony for one year, while in the Quebec district he cannot be admitted to practice until he has served his articles afresh in the colony for a period of from three to five years. In British Columbia an English solicitor can be admitted to practice only after a period of one year's *bona fide* residence in the colony. In New Zealand an English solicitor before he can be admitted to practice in the colony must give notice of his desire to enter and must pass a thorough examination as to his knowledge of local laws. If this clause be expunged from the Bill Hongkong will be taking a retrograde movement, and will not be in touch with the other British colonies. For these reasons, and for the sake of the welfare of the colony, I submit that clause 21 should form part of the Bill.

The Hon. Dr. HO KAI—I am one of the members of the Law Committee who voted against the retention of the clause; and for the reason that it is against free trade and free competition. At the end of this 19th century it is very curious to hear one speak of the vested interests of a profession or a trade, and to argue that those who happen to have been in the locality for some little time should in consequence have the field to themselves, and that a sort of monopoly should be created and the door shut against others. The honourable member who has just sat down said he defended the retention of this clause on three grounds. First of all, he said, it would decrease litigation. If you took away all the lawyers from a place I am afraid it would not stop litigation. One more solicitor in a place or one less will not lessen or materially affect the litigation in a place, provided the inhabitants of that particular district are bent upon litigation. Some people, it will be within the knowledge of this Council, are particularly fond of litigation, and I am sure one or two more solicitors in the place would not increase it. As to the vested interests of existing solicitors being affected, vested interests are totally at variance with the idea of free trade in England and equal opportunities to all—not only to the Queen's subjects but to foreigners. (Hear, hear.) As to our being cheated by unscrupulous men in any trade or profession, we have to use our common sense, as for instance when we ask advice of a doctor, a solicitor, or an architect. The law cannot like an old grandmother provide all this for grown-up men. (Hear, hear.) The honourable member who has just sat down seemed to think he had given us a good example in favour of the retention of the clause. He gave the case of Mr. Webber. I think everybody who was in the colony during Mr. Webber's time knows that he came out as a clerk to Mr. Ewens. He was with Mr. Ewens for about a year—I believe it was two years—after that he came out and got himself admitted as a solicitor practising in the colony on his own account, and it was only after he left Mr. Ewens's office that these scandals came out. Supposing a man in the same way were to come into the colony, serve his time with a solicitor, and then, supposing clause 21 were retained, set up for himself, what protection should we get? I think the example mentioned by the honourable gentleman served to show how imperfect the protection would be if the clause were retained. (Hear, hear.) For the broad reason of fair play I am against the retention of this clause. The honourable member quoted a lot of other colonies which have a clause of this kind in operation. He mentioned Australia, but Australia is different from Hongkong. Hongkong is a Crown colony, whereas the Australian colonies are mostly self-governing. Therefore the law in the Australian colonies may be materially different from the law of England and require a year or six months for a man to get accustomed to it, but in this colony we mostly adopt the law of England as our law, and our local ordinances are not very voluminous. A man can easily get hold of them in a very short time. For these reasons I support the deletion of the clause and when in Committee supported the proposal to strike it out.

The Hon. E. R. BELILIOS—With your permission there is one point I may as well answer. My honourable friend referred to solicitors who had served their time in a solicitor's firm here and then went out and formed a practice. He put such solicitor on the same footing as a full-blown solicitor who comes direct from England and starts as a solicitor. A solicitor who comes as a clerk to a firm of solicitors comes on the recommendation of people in England who have probably known him from childhood. They have studied him, they have studied his character, and recommended him to a firm of solicitors in this colony. Consequently there is some safeguard with regard to him, but it is quite different in a full-blown solicitor coming here and starting practice within a fortnight of his arrival.

The motion was then put and carried.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL suggested that as he would not be present at the next meeting of the Council it would be advisable for the Standing Orders to be suspended so that the Bill could be read a third time. He proposed that the standing orders be suspended.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was passed.

The Hon. E. R. BELILIOS—I would request you to postpone the third reading of the Bill until the solicitors have had their say on the subject.

The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL—The standing orders having been suspended I beg leave to move the third reading of the Bill.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was carried, only the Hon. E. R. Belilios voting against it.

The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

THE FOOTBALL CHALLENGE SHIELD.

The third round for the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield resulted as follows:—

Hongkong Football Club beat H.E. by 2 to 0.

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SUPREME COURT.

13th March.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE SIR JOHN CARRINGTON (CHIEF JUSTICE) AND A SPECIAL JURY.

THE FILIPINOS AND THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.

In this case Crisanto Lichance and Gregorio Agoncillo, as attornies of Emilio Aguinaldo, sought to obtain possession of $200,000 now in the custody of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, which sum was deposited in the Bank by Emilio Aguinaldo on the 3rd January last year.

Mr. M. W. Slade (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for plaintiffs and Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes, and Master) for defendant.

The following composed the jury:—Messrs. J. M. Beattie (foreman), A. F. Smith, E. Osborne, A. Babington, W. Danby, E. S. Whealler, and Douglas W. Craddock.

Mr. Slade commenced by reading the petition, which recited that on the 3rd of January, 1898, Aguinaldo lent the Bank $200,000, which was to be repaid together with interest at the rate of 4 per cent. on the 3rd of January, 1899. In their answer to the petition the Bank admitted having refused to pay the money to Crisanto Lichance and Gregorio Agoncillo, on the ground that they were not satisfied that they were the duly authorised attorneys of Aguinaldo. Continuing, Mr. Slade said the jury would have gathered fairly clearly from the pleadings what the nature of the case was, but he thought they would hardly have gathered how little there was for them to decide upon. They had been brought there by the defendant Corporation to judge facts. The law was for his lordship to decide. The facts in this case were very largely admitted by both sides, and he thought they would find that the number of facts on which they would have to decide would be very small, while the extent of legal argument to which they would have to listen would be very great. The facts were really of the simplest nature. In January of last year Aguinaldo deposited with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation the sum of $200,000. That was to say, he lent that sum to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, just as he might have lent it to one of them or to anyone else, and he received a receipt in which the terms were set out—that the loan was to be for one year, interest at 4 per cent, and the receipt was not transferable. The fact of that receipt not being transferable made it an instrument which could not be passed from one hand to another like a bill. On the 3rd of January of this year, in accordance with the terms of the loan, at the expiration of the year, Aguinaldo sent two men—plaintiffs in this case—to the Bank. They went to the Bank and presented a power of attorney and the original deposit receipt and demanded the money. The deposit receipt in question was dated January 3rd, 1898, and bore the following endorsement, "Please pay the sum of $200,000 with the premium called for by this receipt to Messrs. Felipe Agoncillo and Vito Belarmino." The power of attorney was signed by Emilio Aguinaldo and also bore the signature of Mr. Oscar F. Williams, the U. S. Consul in Manila.

Mr. Francis objected to Mr. Slade referring to the power of attorney, adding that he knew perfectly well they were going to object to the document.

The Chief Justice said Mr. Slade might refer to it generally subject to it being proved.

Mr. Francis admitted that he might refer to it generally but not to state the details.

After some little further argument on the point;

Mr. Slade, continuing, said that on the Bank declining to pay a writ was issued and the petition filed. In due course the Bank filed their answer, and with their answer the solicitors for the Bank (Messrs Johnson, Stokes, and Master) wrote a letter in which they stated—he might say very clearly—the position which they adopted. This letter, which was dated January 30th, was as follows:—In handing you copy of the defendants' answer herein, we again beg to remind you that our clients have always been ready and willing to pay over to your clients, Messrs Crisanto Lichance and Gregorio Agoncillo, the sum of $200,000 on deposit in the Bank's hands to the credit of Mr. Emilio Aguinaldo, with the accrued interest thereon, upon being satisfied by any reasonable evidence that the persons named in the endorsement on the deposit receipt were only agents for collection or if they took any interest in the monies in question, have released or reassigned such interest, and upon being satisfied that the power of attorney your clients hold was in fact executed by Emilio Aguinaldo. A very simple amendment or additional declaration from the U.S. Consul in Manila that he is personally acquainted with Aguinaldo will suffice on the second point, or even a declaration from the U.S. Consul-General here that Mr. Williams is well acquainted with Aguinaldo and could not possibly have certified as he has done if Aguinaldo himself had not executed the instrument. As to the first, a declaration from Vito Belarmino or Felipe Agoncillo will amply suffice. It seems to us that if this suit comes to trial you will have to procure all this same evidence and more at the very great cost of a commission and with very great delay. You can now obtain it very quickly and at a trifling cost, and the Bank's agent in Manila or Iloilo can be instructed to render all assistance possible. If you still persist in your refusal, we give you express notice that any claim on your clients' part to costs will be resisted and this letter and previous correspondence will be used in evidence. We suggest for your consideration that the opinion of the Court on the answer might easily be taken on a motion by the plaintiff to strike it out on the ground that in your opinion it discloses no defence. To any judgment or order of the Court obtained in that way after argument the defendant is fully prepared to submit." Could the jury imagine that the United States Consul in Manila did not know Aguinaldo very well? Did not every man in the Bank know well that Mr. Williams, the American Consul at Manila during the time of the late disturbance, had numerous dealings with Aguinaldo himself, and must know Aguinaldo well? The one thing which the Bank required was a declaration from Mr. Williams that he knew Aguinaldo, and they put that forward as a reason for not paying this money. The following answer was returned to this letter, dated Feb. 1st, by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist:—"In reply to your letter of the 30th ult., containing a repetition of the statement which has been so frequently made by you, that your clients are willing to pay the claim in this suit upon the performance by the plaintiffs' attorneys of certain conditions, we can only in turn repeat what we have already said several times, that we have advised our clients that they are under no obligation to perform those conditions even though able to do so, which, having regard to the political situation in the Philippines and the absence from Manila and unknown whereabouts of both Vito Belarmino and Felipe Agoncillo, is both vitally doubtful. We have been waiting more than doubtful. We have been waiting more than doubtful. We have been waiting for the service upon us of the answer in anticipation of the possibility of it enabling us to take the course suggested in the last part of your letter, but it must be perfectly obvious to you that as your counsel has thought fit to deny that Senors Lichanco and Agoncillo are attorneys of the plaintiff, and also to describe the endorsements upon the deposit receipt as an order upon the Bank, without setting out the words of such endorsement, he has rendered it necessary that the suit should proceed to trial and advisable that we should file a "replication." The remainder of the letter, Mr. Slade said, referred to the taking out of the replication. Practically the whole question for the jury to decide was whether or not this power of attorney was executed by Aguinaldo. The document was signed in two places by Aguinaldo and under one came the certificate of Mr. Williams, the U.S. Consul at Manila. The jury would have to decide whether this signature was the signature of Emilio Aguinaldo. In order to prove that this was Aguinaldo's signature he would call before them a gentleman of the name of Bray, resident many years in Manila and well acquainted with Aguinaldo. He had seen Aguinaldo many times; in one particular instance he saw Aguinaldo sign the agreement between the U.S. Consul at Singapore and Aguinaldo. Mr. Bray had seen Aguinaldo write his signature many times, and he had letters from Aguinaldo in his possession. He would tell the jury that he had not the slightest doubt that the two signatures on these documents were in Aguinaldo's own writing. Mr. Keenan, of the Chartered Bank, where Aguinaldo, in the early part of last year, had an account, would produce a number of cheques drawn by Aguinaldo on that account, which were paid by the Bank. He would tell them that if a cheque bearing any of these signatures on the power of attorney had been presented to him, and he was the man who was responsible for paying the cheques of the Bank, he would allow it to be paid. When the deposit receipt was presented to the Bank in May last year, the Bank stated in their answer that the only reason they did not pay the money was that the time of the loan had not yet expired, so that it was perfectly clear that they did not dispute this signature on the deposit note, and he would ask the jury to compare the signature on the deposit note with the signature on the power of attorney. He would also call upon Mr. Thomas Jackson to produce thirty-five paid cheques drawn by Aguinaldo on his account for sums varying between $200,000 and a few dollars, and he would also call for the book of the bank in which Aguinaldo's signature appeared. He would ask the jury to compare the signatures on these cheques and the signature in the book with the signature on the power of attorney. Mr. Slade said he had not seen the cheques, nor had anyone interested in the plaintiffs' case seen the cheques, but so confident were they of the genuineness of Aguinaldo's signatures on this document that they were going to have them put forward in support of their case. He thought the Bank wanted something more than "reasonable evidence" when they had in their possession thirty-five copies

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Colonial Secretary's Office,
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The Agents.

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Hongkong, 13th February 1899. [399

PROPERTY FOR SALE,

AT SHANGHAI.

THE following property will be offered for Sale by PUBLIC AUCTION on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd March, at a place and hour to be notified hereafter, unless previously disposed of by private contract. A large property containing about 70 mows situated at the Western extremity of Hongkew all but about 3 mow being within the Foreign Settlement and having a first class frontage on the Soochow Creek along the North Soochow Road.

It is close to the Thibet Road Bridge now nearly completed and is intersected by the proposed line of North Thibet Road leading to the neighbourhood of the Railway Station.

There are at present on the property buildings substantially constructed and suitable for storing and manufacturing purposes, but the greater part of the land is vacant, the front portion being suitable for business hongs and the back for Chinese Shop and dwelling houses.

Further Particulars may be obtained from

MORRISON AND GRATTON,
E, The Bund,
Shanghai.

Shanghai, 20th February, 1899. [580

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

MR. GEO. P. LAMMERT has received instructions from the MORTGAGEES to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, ON TUESDAY, the 28th March, 1899, at 3 P.M.

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Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from

Messrs. DEACON & HASTINGS,
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Vendor's Solicitors,
and from
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Hongkong, 13th March, 1899. [730

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Hongkong, 9th October, 1895 [2661

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Hongkong 4th August 1897. [2347

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Hongkong, 3rd May, 1895. [1043

BANKS.

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SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL... Shanghai Tls. 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... " " 2,500,000

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At 2% per annum on Current Account daily balances.
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4% " " " " 6 "
5% " " " " 12 "

E. W. BUTTER,
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Hongkong, 15th October, 1898. [21

THE BANK OF CHINA AND JAPAN, LIMITED.

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CHANTREY INCHBALD,
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Hongkong, 1st January, 1899. [97

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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1899. [16

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ..... £1,000,000.
PAID UP CAPITAL ..... £ 324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

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KWAN HOI CHUEN, Esq.
Chief Manager.
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 Months Fixed ..... 5 %

Hongkong, 1st December, 1897. [18

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,125,000
PAID UP ..... £ 562,500
RESERVE FUND ..... £ 10,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 months ..... 4 %
" 6 " ..... 3½ "
" 3 " ..... 3 "

J. THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 27th October, 1897.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... Yen 12,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL ..... " 10,500,000
RESERVE FUND ..... " 6,960,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

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HONGKONG AGENCY—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months 5% per annum.
" " " " 6 " 4% " "
" " " " 3 " 3% " "

S. CHOH,
Agent.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1898. [734

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS £800,000
RESERVE FUND £450,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS for 12 months ... 4 per cent.
" 6 " ... 3½ "
" 3 " ... 3 "

T. H. WHITEHEAD.
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1898. [25

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THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1898. [17

INSURANCES.

SUN INSURANCE OFFICE, LONDON

FOUNDED 1710.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SIEMSSEN & CO.,
Agents

Hongkong, 16th May, 1892 [23

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are PREPARED TO ACCEPT First Class Foreign and Chinese Risks at Current Rates.

SIEMSSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 29th May, 1895. [24

THE STATE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL £1,000,000

The Undersigned AGENTS for above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

W. G. HUMPHREYS & CO.
Hongkong, 9th February, 1899. [697

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SIEMSSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1872 [22

PHŒNIX FIRE OFFICE.

The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
Agents for the Phœnix Fire Office.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [25

HANSEATIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS for above Company are prepared to ACCEPT Foreign and Chinese RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1899. [132

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The combined ACCIDENT and LIFE POLICY is the MOST ADVANTAGEOUS form of INSURANCE.

A yearly premium of £28 2s. (age 30) secures the following:—

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Accidents insured against for £4 and £2 per annum (£1,000 in case of death by weekly payments in case of injury.)

For further Particulars apply to

J. Y. V. VERNON,
Agent.

Hongkong, 8th June, 1896. [1320

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1897, £13,558,989 0s. 0d.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £3,000,000 £ s. d.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 2,750,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 687,500 0 0
II. FIRE FUNDS 2,743,819 7 9

The Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd June, 1898. [1391

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LA-CHAPELLE.

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [78

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Hongkong, 10th March, 1899. [703

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Hongkong, 14th March, 1899. [49

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Hongkong, 17th June, 1898. [50

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Hongkong, 21st February, 1899. [524

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Hongkong, 9th January, 1896. [79

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board.

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1899

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Hongkong, 9th February, 1899. [2468

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Bengal*, with the English mail of the 17th February, left Singapore on Saturday, the 11th instant, at 1 p.m. and may be expected to arrive here on Friday, the 16th instant. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 14th January.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Yarra*, with the French mail of the 10th February, left Saigon at 2 p.m., on the 11th instant, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 14th instant. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 7th January, 1899.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The C. O. Co.'s steamer *Belgian King*, from San Diego and Honolulu, arrived at Yokohama on the 9th instant.

The T. K K. steamer *America Maru*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 21st Feb. via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama and will sail for this port via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai on the 12th instant.

The P. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai, on the 1st instant.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. steamer *Empress of China* left Vancouver for Hongkong via usual ports of call on Monday, the 27th ultimo.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Catherine Apcar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the 6th instant.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. steamer *Montmorr*, from Sydney, &c., left Port Darwin on the 10th instant, for this port.

MERCHANT STEAMERS

The N. P. steamer *Glenogle* has arrived at Yokohama and sailed for Kobe and Hongkong on the 6th instant.

The N. P. steamer *Olympia*, sailed from Tacoma for Japan and Hongkong on the 22nd ultimo.

The P. & O. steamer *Tientsin* left Singapore for this port on the 8th instant.

The P. & O. steamer *Mantua* left Bombay on the 12th instant.

The steamer *Glenfarg*, from London and Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 13th instant.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Hiroshima Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 8th instant, and is expected to arrive here on the 13th instant.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Pyrrhus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 9th instant, and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 15th instant.

The N. G. L. steamer *Bisagno* left Singapore for this port on Thursday, and is due here on or about the 16th instant.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Riojun Maru* (American Line) left Shimonoseki for this port on the 13th instant, and is expected to arrive here on the 16th instant.

The "Shire" Line steamer *Flintshire*, from Middlesborough and London, left Singapore on the 9th instant, and is due here on or about the 17th instant.

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD.—14th February.—*Blphinstone*. 21st February—*Babelsberg*. 24th February—*Ernest Simons, Myrmidon*. 28th February—*Candia, Hyson, Sarpedon*. 3rd March—*Marquis Baequehem, Liclewold, Kara, Vortigern*. 7th March—*Afridi, Orestes, Catania, Savoia*. 10th March—*Benalder, Glenshiel, Undaunted*.

HOMEWARD.—10th Mar.—*Dorothea, Rickmers, Pathan, Malacca*.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Swatow and Bangkok.—Per *Loocek*, today, the 14th instant, at 9.00 A.M.

For Sandakan.—Per *Sultan*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 10.00 A.M.

For Manila.—Per *Sungkiang*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 10.00 A.M.

For Hoihow and Haiphong.—Per *Hongkong*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 10.00 A.M.

For Chefoo and Newchwang.—Per *Solberg*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 10.00 A.M.

For Saigon.—Per *Yedo Maru*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 10.00 A.M.

For Macao.—Per *Heungshan*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 1.15 P.M.

For Takow.—Per *Tientsin*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 2.00 P.M.

For Manila, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.—Per *Taiyuan*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 3.00 P.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Loongmoon*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 3.00 P.M.

For Nagasaki and Vladivostock.—Per *Daphne*, to-day, 14th instant, at 3.00 P.M.

For Singapore, Penang and Colombo.—Per *Wakasa Maru*, to-day, the 14th inst., 3.00 P.M.

For Wuchow.—Per *Wo-ping*, to-day, the 14th inst., at 4.00 P.M.

For Canton.—Per *Powan*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Pakhoi.—Per *Hailan*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Saigon.—Per [illegible] 14th instant, at 5.00

For Bangkok.—Per [illegible] the 15th instant, at 9

For Tientsin.—Per [illegible] 15th instant at [illegible]

[illegible] Chefoo, [illegible] stock.—Per [illegible] instant, at

[illegible] hama.—Per *Hiroshima* [illegible], the 16th inst., at 3.00 P.M.
[illegible] *Esmeralda*, on Thursday, [illegible] at 4.00 P.M.
[illegible] and Shanghai.—Per *Foochow*, [illegible]day, the 17th instant, at 2.00 P.M.

For Timg, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.—Per *Airle*, on Friday, the 17th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.—Per *Rohilla*, on Saturday, the 18th instant, at 4.00 P.M.

For Samshui, Shuihing and Wuchow.—Per *Doving*, on Saturday, the 18th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, and Tacoma.—Per *Glenogle*, on Tuesday, the 21st instant, at 11.00 A.M.

For Singapore, Penang and Bombay.—Per *Bisagno*, on Tuesday, the 21st instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, and San Diego.—Per *Belgin King*, on Thursday, the 30th instant, at 11.00 A.M.

For Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.—Per *Futami Maru*, on Friday, the 31st instant, at 3.00 P.M.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *City of Rio de Janeiro* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 14th instant, with Mails for Japan and San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

10.00 A.M. Registry ceases.
11.00 A.M. Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee until the time of departure.

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Hongkong, 23rd September 1893 [2041

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COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
MONDAY, 13th March.
EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/11⅛
Bank Bills, on demand 1/11⅛
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1/11⅛
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ... 1/11⅜
Credits, at 4 months' sight ... 1/11⅜
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 1/11⅛
ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand 2.46
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2.49½
ON GERMANY.—
On demand 1.99½
ON NEW YORK.—
Bank Bills, on demand 47⅛
Credits, 60 days' sight 48⅛
ON BOMBAY.—
Telegraphic Transfer 145½
Bank, on demand 146
ON CALCUTTA.—
Telegraphic Transfer 145½
Bank, on demand 146
ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, at sight 73
Private, 30 days' sight 74
ON YOKOHAMA.—
On demand ..... 42 % pm.
ON MANILA.—
On demand ..... 1½ % pm.
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On demand ..... 1 7/8 pm.
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate...10.19
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COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATION.
Banks—		[$457½, sellers
Hongkong & S'hai...	$125	200 % premium
China & Japan, prf.	£5	nominal
Do. ordinary...	£4	£1, sales
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Natl. Bank of China		
B. Shares	£8	$20, buyers
Founders Shares..	£8	$.0, buyers
Bell's Asbestos E. A....	£1	nominal
Campbell, Moore & Co.	$10	$10
China Prov. L. & M....	$10	$9.50, sellers
China Sugar	$100	$180, sellers
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo.....	Tls. 100	Tls. 78, buyers

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATION.	SAILING DATES.	
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s.s SUEVIA ..... Capt. Feorck	HAVRE, AMSTDAM, H'BURG/BREMEN. (London with transhipment in Hamburg)	About 4th April.	Freight.
s.s NURNBERG ..... Capt. v. Binzer	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN (London with transhipment in Hamburg)	About 10th April.	Freight.

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Hongkong, 8th March, 1899. [13

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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. G. A. Lee, R.N.R. .....WEDNESDAY, 15th Mar., 1899
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. .....WEDNESDAY, 5th April, 1899
EMPRESS OF INDIA....Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 26th April, 1899

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA of JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9, and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder Street.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1899. [9

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
YOKOHAMA VIA S'HAI, NAGASAKI & KOBE	TIENTSIN .. G. H. C. Weston, R.N.R.	About 16th March	Freight. (Passing through the Inland Sea)
LONDON, &c.	PARRAMATTA C. T. Penny, R.N.R.	Noon, 18th March	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI	BENGAL S. Barcham	About 18th March	Freight or Passage.
YOKOHAMA VIA NAGASAKI & KOBE	ROHILLA S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R.	Noon, 22nd March	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea)
LONDON	BOMBAY G. D. Saunder, R.N.R.	About 23rd March	Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1899. [1

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. (THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
WAKASA MARU ..... J. B. MacMillan	MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP, & BREMEN VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID...	TUESDAY, 14th March, at 4 P.M.
HIROSHIMA MARU ..... S. Tsuji	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 16th March at 4 P.M.
SAGAMI MARU ..... ., Nagao	VLADIVOSTOCK VIA SWATOW, AMOY, SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, CHEMULPO, and NAGASAKI	THURSDAY, 16th March, at 4 P.M.
FUJIAMI MARU ..... ., Hillcoat	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, and MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 31st March, at 4 P.M.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1899. [12

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.				FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION CO.			
Steamer	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.	Steamer	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
GLENOGLE ...	3,750	J. McGillivray ...	March 21	COLUMBIA ...	3,677	T. H. Dobson	April 15
OLYMPIA ...	2,337	J. Truebridge.....	April 1	MON'SHIRE...	2,874	W. A. Evans	May 6
VICTORIA ...	3,502	J. Panton	April 25	LENNOX	3,677	J. C. Williamson..	June 3
TACOMA	2,811	A. Dixon.....	May 13	COLUMBIA ...	2,976	T. H. Dobson	July 8

THE attention of passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, £47.

Excellent accommodation. First class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the First-Class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK, £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route

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The best route to the KLONDYKE GOLD FIELDS. Frequent Sailings from VICTORIA TACOMA and PORTLAND to DYEA and ST. MICHAEL.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

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Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1899. [10

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & RIG.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	Glengarry	Brit. str.	Gedye	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	Menelaus	Brit. str.	Towell	Butterfield & Swire	On 20th inst., at Noon.
LONDON	Bombay	Brit. str.	Smeaton, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 23rd inst.
LONDON VIA STRAITS, &c.	Parramatta	Brit. str.	Denny, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 18th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & STRAITS	Chingwo	Brit. str.	Harris	Holliday, Wise & Co.	On or about 1st April.
BREMEN VIA PORTS OF CALL	Bayern	Ger. str.	Prehn	Melchers & Co.	On 29th inst., at 9 P.M.
HARVE, HAMBURG/BREMEN	Silesia	Ger. str.	Behrens	Carlowitz & Co.	On 24th inst.
HARVE, AMSTERDAM, &c.	Suevia	Ger. str.	Fosak	Carlowitz & Co.	On or about 4th April.
HARVE, HAMBURG/BREMEN	Wittenburg	Ger. str.	Madsen	Carlowitz & Co.	On or about 30th inst.
HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN	Nurnberg	Ger. str.	Binzer	Carlowitz & Co.	On or about 10th April.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, &c.	Wakasa Maru	Jap. str.	MacMillan	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	To-day, at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES VIA SAIGON, &c.	Caledonian	Fren. str.	Durrando	Messageries Maritimes	On 25th inst., at Noon.
VANCOUVER, V. SHANGHAI, &c.	Empress of Japan	Brit. str.	Lee, R.N.R.	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA	Glenogle	Brit. str.	McGillivray	Dodwell & Co., Limited	On 21st inst., at Noon.
PORTLAND, OREGON, &c.	Columbia	Brit. str.	Dobson	Dodwell & Co., Limited	On 15th April, at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA S'HAI, &c.	Coptic	Brit. str.		O. & O. S. S. Co.	On 21st inst., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA JAPAN	C. of Rio de Janeiro	Amer. str.		P. M. S. S. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA JAPAN	America Maru	Jap. str.		Toyo Kisen Kaisha	On 30th inst., Daylight.
SAN FRANCISCO	Queen Margaret	Brit. bk.	Fraser	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
SAN DIEGO VIA JAPAN	Belgian King	Brit. str.		Butterfield & Swire	On 30th inst.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	Moyune	Brit. str.	Conradi	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	On or about 20th inst.
VLADIVOSTOCK VIA S'HAI, &c.	Sagami Maru	Jap. str.	Nagao	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 16th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA V. S'HAI, N'SAKI & KOBE	Tientsin	Brit. str.	Weston, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 16th inst.
YOKOHAMA VIA NAGASAKI & KOBE	Rohilla	Brit. str.	Lockyer, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 22nd inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Naruberg	Ger. str.	Binzer	Siemssen & Co.	On or about 14th inst.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Hiroshima Maru	Jap. str.	Tsuji	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 16th inst., at 4 P.M.
KOBE	Taiwan	Brit. str.	Ramsay	Butterfield & Swire	On 21st inst., at 3 P.M.
NAGASAKI & WLADIVOSTOCK	Daphne	Ger. str.	Nissen	Siemssen & Co.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
TIENTSIN	Nanchang	Brit. str.	Finlayson	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow, at Noon.
S'HAI, N'SAKI, KOBE & Y'HAMA	Yarra	Fren. str.	Duhatteau	Messageries Maritimes	On or about 14th inst.
SHANGHAI	Loongmoon	Ger. str.	Schulz	Siemssen & Co.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	Whampoa	Brit. str.	Sales	Butterfield & Swire	On 15th inst., at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	Bengal	Brit. str.	Barcham	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 18th inst.
NINGPO	Foochow	Brit. str.	Smale	Butterfield & Swire	On 17th inst., at 3 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI	Haikong	Brit. str.	Robson	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	On 16th inst., Daylight.
AMOY, SAMARANG & SOURABAYA	Hupeh	Brit. str.	Quail	Butterfield & Swire	On 16th inst., Daylight.
TAKOW	Tientsin	Brit. str.	Dawson	Butterfield & Swire	To-day.
MANILA	Taiyuen	Brit. str.	Nelson	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow, at Noon.
MANILA DIRECT	Esmeralda	Brit. str.	Taylor	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	On 16th inst., P.M.
MANILA DIRECT	Sangkiang	Brit. str.	Dodd	Butterfield & Swire	To-day, at Noon.
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.	Taiwan	Brit. str.	Nelson	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow, at Noon.
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.	Airlie	Brit. str.	Kook	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	On 18th inst., Daylight.
THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, &c.	Futami Maru	Jap. str.	Hillcoat	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.
SANDAKAN	Sultan	Brit. str.	Lake	J. Wheeler	On 17th inst., at Noon
STRAITS & BOMBAY &c.	Bisagno	Ita. str.	Mauganzini	Carlowitz & Co.	On 21st inst., at Noon.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TAKOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"TIENTSIN,"

Captain Dawson, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 14th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [651

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA DIRECT.

THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIANG,"

Captain Dodd, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 14th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1899. [690

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"LOONGMOON,"

Captain Schulz, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 14th inst., at 4 P.M.

This steamer has superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [717

FOR NAGASAKI & WLADIVOSTOCK.

THE Steamship

"DAPHNE,"

Captain Th. Nissen, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 14th inst., at 4 P.M.

This steamer has superior accommodation for First Class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [718

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

THE Company's Steamship

"NANCHANG,"

Captain Finlayson, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 15th inst., at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1899. [621

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GLENGARRY,"

Captain Gedye, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 15th inst., at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1899. [708

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN,"

Captain Nelson, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 15th inst., at NOON.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First Class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1899. [622

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

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N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from Australia are available for return by the steamers of the Eastern and Australian S. S. Co. and *vice versâ*.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1899. [623

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"WHAMPOA,"

Captain Suies, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 15th inst., at 3 P.M.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [719

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'s fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

For freight and further particulars, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. [1

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO (v. Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	TUESDAY, Mar. 14, 1899, at NOON
CITY OF PEKING (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	SATURDAY, April 8, 1899, at NOON.
CHINA (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	TUESDAY, May 2, 1899, at NOON.

THE U.S. Company's Steamship "CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 14th March, 1899, at NOON, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1899. [3

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"PARRAMATTA,"

Captain C. T. Denny, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 18th MARCH, at NOON, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1899. [1

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TSINAN,"

Captain Ramsay, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 21st inst., at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First Class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899 [72]

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"YARRA,"

Captain Duchateau, will be despatched for the above ports on or about TUESDAY, the 14th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1899 [2

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AIRLIE,"

Captain Kook, will be despatched for the above ports on SATURDAY, the 18th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from Australia are available for return by the steamers of the China Navigation Company and *vice versâ*.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1899. [591

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, SAMARANG, AND SOURABAYA.

THE Company's Steamship

"HUPEH,"

Captain Quail, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 16th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1899. [669

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	THURSDAY, March 30, 1899 at DAYLIGHT.
HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	TUESDAY, April 25, 1899, at NOON.
NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	SATURDAY, May 20, 1899, at NOON.

THE Steamship "AMERICA MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 30th March, 1899, at DAYLIGHT, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [8

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA DIRECT.

THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA."

Captain Taylor, will be despatched for the above port on THURSDAY, the 16th inst., P.M., instead of as previously advertised.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [712

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"MENELAUS."

Captain Towell, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 20th inst., at NOON.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1899. [662

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

(Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND BOMBAY,

having connexion with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN, and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE, and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.

Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA, and MALAGA.

THE Steamship

"BISAGNO,"

Captain Mauganzini, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 21st inst., at NOON.

At BOMBAY the Steamer are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [6

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN, AND HAMBURG.

PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO, LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

BAYERN	Wednesday...	29th Mar.
PRINZ HEINRICH	Wednesday...	26th April.
PREUSSEN	Wednesday...	24th May.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 29th day of March, 1899, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "BAYERN," Captain E. Prehn, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 27th March, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 28th March, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the 28th March. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1899. [5

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"MOYUNE."

Captain Conradi, will be despatched for the above ports on or about the 20th March.

To be followed by the

S.S. "LIV."

Captain Jacobs, sailing about 15th April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1899. 540

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

COPTIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	TUESDAY, March 21, 1899, at NOON.
GAELIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	THURSDAY, April 15, 1899, at NOON
DORIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	THURSDAY, May 11, 1899, at NOON.

THE Company's Steamship "COPTIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 21st March, 1899, at NOON.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passenger Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versâ*) within one year, will be allowed discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1899. [4

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"NURNBERG,"

Captain von Binzer, will be despatched for the above ports on or about the 14th inst.

For Freight, apply to

SIEMSSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1899. [661

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR NINGPO.

THE Company's Steamship

"FOOCHOW,"

Captain Smale, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 17th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [720

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON SATURDAY, the 25th March, 1899, at NOON, the Company's Steamship "CALEDONIEN," Captain Durrando, with Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this